

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Welch, Friend

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to establish an interim study committee on water.

Whereas, Indiana is blessed with bountiful water resources;

Whereas, Indiana's water resources are essential to all Hoosier citizens and businesses;

Whereas, Indiana has experienced both population and business growth that is stressing our water supplies;

Whereas, Indiana has had significant water shortages in the 40's, 60's, and 80's and will again in the future;

Whereas, Indiana's water resources, while plentiful, are finite;

Whereas, There are some areas of Indiana that have experienced recent water shortages;

Whereas, The Water Resources Study Committee was



directed by HB 1738-07 to “study and make findings and recommendations” on Indiana’s current and future water situation;

Whereas, There remains work to be done on creating an Indiana water plan;

Whereas, The State Department of Natural Resources has one of the most comprehensive water use databases in the Midwest;

Whereas, Most of Indiana’s neighboring states have launched water supply planning programs to better retain business and protect their citizens and economy; and

Whereas, Indiana has an obligation to coordinate our long-term water use for the benefit of future generations and to assure that no part of the State is more vulnerable than any other in the event of a drought; Therefore:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Water Resources Study Committee will investigate these issues to develop a proposal to begin the process of sophisticated planning that reflects the growing need for water.

SECTION 2. The Committee should develop a specific time frame within which tasks will be completed.

SECTION 3. This study should consider all water users in rural and municipal settings.

SECTION 4. The proposal should be based on scientific principles as well as the anticipated demands of growth to assure the beneficial use of water for the future of Indiana.

